

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 35 to page 6, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph, marked-up to show changes made.

Fig. 1 shows comparison in amino acid sequence among human TCH229, human SLC21A12 and human OATPRP4. In the figure, TCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of human TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 1]; SLC21A12 shows an amino acid sequence of human SLC21A12 [SEQ ID NO: 85]; OATPRP4 shows an amino acid sequence of human OATPRP4 [SEQ ID NO: 86]; and TM1 to TM12 show a transmembrane domain, respectively. □ shows amino acids coincident with those of human TCH229 (continued to Fig. 2).

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 6-11, with the following rewritten paragraph, marked-up to show changes made.

Fig. 2 shows comparison in amino acid sequence among human TCH229, human SLC21A12 and human OATPRP4. In the figure, TCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of human TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 1]; SLC21A12 shows an amino acid sequence of human SLC21A12 [SEQ ID NO: 85]; OATPRP4 shows an amino acid sequence of human OATPRP4 [SEQ ID NO: 86]; and TM1 to TM12 show a transmembrane domain, respectively. □ shows amino acids coincident with those of human TCH229 (continued from Fig. 1).

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Fig. 5 shows comparison in amino acid sequence between human TCH229 and mouse TCH229. In the figure, TCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of human TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 1]; mTCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of mouse TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 26]; TM1 to TM12 show a transmembrane domain respectively; and highly stored amino acids in the family are shown by *. □ shows coincident amino acids between the two.

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Fig. 7 shows comparison in amino acid sequence among human TCH229 and rat TCH229 Nos. 1 and 2. In the figure, TCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of human TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 1]; rTCH229 No. 1 shows an amino acid sequence of rat TCH229 No. 1 [SEQ ID NO: 52]; and rTCH229 No. 2 shows an amino acid sequence of rat TCH229 No. 2 [SEQ ID NO: 54]. TM1 to TM12 show a transmembrane domain respectively. □ shows coincident amino acids among the three (continued to Fig. 8).

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, line 32 to page 7, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph, marked-up to show changes made.

Fig. 8 shows comparison in amino acid sequence among human TCH229 and rat TCH229 Nos. 1 and 2. In the figure, TCH229 shows an amino acid sequence of human TCH229 [SEQ ID NO: 1]; rTCH229 No. 1 shows an amino acid sequence of rat TCH229 No. 1 [SEQ ID NO: 52]; and rTCH229 No. 2 shows an amino acid sequence of rat TCH229 No. 2 [SEQ ID NO: 54]. TM1 to TM12 show a transmembrane domain respectively. □ shows coincident amino acids among the three (continued from Fig. 7).

In the Sequence Listing:

Please replace the Sequence Listing of Record with the attached revised substitute Sequence Listing.